

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Esther Cook, a Jackson R-II school bus driver for thirty years, who has distinguished herself as the first ever "Missouri Bus Driver of the Year" by the Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation; and

Whereas, Esther Cook was nominated for the prestigious award by Carol Woods, Director of Transportation for the Jackson R-II School District, and Terri Fisher-Reed, Middle School Principal; and

Whereas, Esther Cook has been referred to as the best Jackson R-II School District employee because of her genuine concern for the students on her bus, their parents, and the Jackson community at large; and

Whereas, Esther Cook began driving for the Jackson R-II School District in 1973, since which time she has touched the lives of countless children through her generosity and desire to build interpersonal relationships with them and their families; and

Whereas, Esther Cook considers herself most fortunate to have been able to help children in unhappy times, to listen about their happy times, and to share their lives with them; and

Whereas, the children on Esther's bus have been the joy of her life, and she is grateful for the wonderful memories she will have to hold and cherish when her driving days are over:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Esther Cook at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Esther Cook.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker